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1. SUMMARY. GOVERNMENT OF MADAGASCAR OFFICIAL JOURNAL HAS JUST
PUBLISHED IMPORT QUOTAS AND RESTRICTIONS FOR 1978. MOST U.S.
EXPORTS TO MADAGASCAR WILL NOT BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED. END SUMMARY.

2. MADAGASCAR'S NEW IMPORT QUOTAS ALLOW FOR TOTAL IMPORTS OF
FMG 62.58 BILLION (APPROX. 226.3 MILLION DOLS) DURING 1978.
(IMPORTS FOR 1977 WERE 64.70 BILLION FMG (APPROX. 260.9 MILLION
DOLS) AND THOSE FOR 1976, 64.73 BILLION FMG (APPROX. 261.0 MILLION
DOLS) - (PRESENTLY ONE US DOLLAR EQUALS APPROX. 235 FMG.
AS IN THE PAST, THE ABOVE AMOUNT DOES NOT INCLUDE THET RESERVED
FOR EMERGENCY RICE PURCHASES. THESE IMPORT QUOTAS ARE BROKEN
DOWN AS FOLLOWS AND ARE FURTHER EXPLINED IN PARAS 3-6 BELOW:

A. ESSENTIAL GOODS, RESERVED FOR APPROVED IMPORTERS/
DISTRIBUTORS: 9.23 BILLION (APPROX. 39.3 MILLION DOLS).
B. SPECIALIZED MERCHANDISE AND PRODUCTS RESERVED FOR
APPROVED IMPORTERS/DISTRIBUTORS: 17.95 BILLION FMG (APPROX.
76.4 MILLION DOLS) AS FOLLOWS: I: TRANSPORT AND AUTOMOTIVE
VEHICLE EQUIPMENT: 11.0 BILLION FMG (46.8 MILLION DOLS);
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II: OTHER SPECIALIZED ITEM: 6.95 BILLION FMG (29.6 MILLION
DOLOS).
C. MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT & ACCESSORIES, AND RAW MATERIALS
(RESERVED FOR INDUSTRI) OTHER THAN THOSE STATED IN A AND B
ABOVE: 35.40 BILLIN FMG (150.6 MILLION DOLS) BROKEN DOWN AS
FOLLOWS: I. MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT: 4.0 BILLION FMG
(APPROX. 17.0 MILLION DOLS); II. ACCESSORIES AND SPARE PARTS

FOR MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT: 4.0 BILLION FMG(17.0 MILLION DOLS);
III. RAW MATERIALS: 27.40 BILLION FMG (116.6 MILLION DOLS).

3. OF THE 9.23 BILLION FMG RESERVED FOR ESSENTIAL PRODUCTS IN
A ABOVE 3.5 BILLION FMG (14.9 MILLION DOLS) IS FOR PHARMACEUTICAL
PRODUCTS, 2.0 BILLION FMG (8.5 MILLION DOLS) FOR WHEAT FLOUR,
1.2 BILLION FMG (5.1 MILLION DOLS) FOR EDIBLE OILS, 1.2 BILLION
FMG (5.1 MILLION DOLS) FOR CEMENT.

4. OF THE 11.0 BILLION RESERVED FOR TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT IN B I
ABOVE, 2.0 BILLION FMG 8.5 MILLION DOLS) IS RESERVED FOR RAILWAY,
MARITIME AND AVIATION EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES, AND 9.0 BILLION
FMG(38.3 MILLION DOLS) FOR AUTOMOTIVE TRANSPORT VEHICLES,
AGRICULTURAL & INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT & ACCESSORIES
AND INNER TUBES.

5. OF THE 6.95 BILLION FMG IN B II ABOVE, 1.5 BILLION
FMG (6.4 MILLION DOLS) IS FOR IRON, CAST-IRON AND STEEL,
1.0 BILLION FMG (4.2 MILLION DOLS) FOR FERTILIZERS, 1.0 BILLION
FMG (4.2 MILLION DOLS) FOR BOILERS, NON-ELECTRICAL MACHINES
AND APPARATUS, 0.5 BILLION FMG (2.3 MILLION DDOLS) FOR CUTLERY,
HARDWARE AND TOOLS, 0.5 BILLION FMG (2.3 MILLION DOLS) FOR
ELECTRICAL MACHINES AND AND APPARATUS, & 0.3 BILLION (1.4 MILLION
DOLS)FOR CHEMICAL PRODUCTS.

6. OF THE 27.4 BILLION FMG RESERVED FOR RAW MATERIALS FOR
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INDUSTRIAL USE IN C III ABOVE, 15.0 BILLION FMG (63.8
MILLION DOLS) IS FOR PETROLEUM AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS;2.0
BILLION FMG (8.5 MILLION DOLS) FOR IRON, CAST-IRON AND STEEL,
1.2 BILLION FMG (5.1 MILLION DOLS) FOR BULK PLASTICS, 1.0
BILLION FMG (4.2 MILLION DOLS)FOR SYNTHETIC TEXTILE THREAD,
0.9 BILLION FMG (3.8 MILLION DOLS) FOR FABRIC DYES, 0.6 BILLION
FMG (2.8 MILLION DOLS)FOR FAST AND OILS,

7. IMPORT QUOTAS FOR APPROVED IMPORTERS/DISTRIBUTORS WILL BE
ALLOTTED IN PROPORTION TO THE USE OF QUOTAS WHICH WERE ALLOCATED
TO THE IMPORTER IN 1977 BUT BUT WILL ALSO BE SUBJECT TO COMPETITIVE
FACTOR SUCH AS PRICE & DELIVERY TIME.

8. IMPORT QUOT QUOTS RESERVED FOR INDUSTRY WILL BE ALLOTTED IN
TERMS OF FORECAST PRODUCTION, NATURE, QUALITY AND
PRICE OF FINISHED PRODUCTS.

9. PROHIBITED ITEMS ARE FOOD, PLANT AND ANIMAL PRODUCTS OF
SAME TYPE PRODUCED IN MADAGASCAR, COTTON TEXTILES, AND NEW
AND USED CLOTHING.

10. THESE NEW IMPORT QUOTS AND RESTRICTIONS WILL NOT

ADVERSELY AFFECT MOST U.S. EXPORTS TO MADAGASCAR.

11. TWO COPIES OF THE JAN. 7. 1978 EDITION OF THE MADAGASCAR
GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL JOURNAL WITH COMPLETE LIST OF IMPORT QOTAS,
POUCHED TO USDOC (CMM) AND ONE COPY TO STATE (AF/E) JANUARY 13.
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